

Northern Nine Take Two Varsity Baseball Near Top FFA Holds Successful Banquet

by Steve Lusk

The Northern Polar Bear Varsity baseball team sits near the top of Mid-Penn Division III, adding recent victories over Shippensburg and Harrisburg. With 7 games remaining to play on the schedule, the Bears are just one game behind the leaders, Susquehanna and West Perry.

Coach Wayne Smith, currently in his third year at the helm, has seen the squad work its way to an impressive overall record of eight wins and three losses. The league record for the team stands at 6-2, with the only losses coming at the hands of the co-leaders. Coach Smith reports that this success of the Bears can be attributed to several factors. "Some of the strengths of this team are their hitting ability, excellent on-base percentage, and commitment to teamwork," says Smith.

Statistics to date certainly support the facts that this team knows how to handle the bat. The starting nine sports, a sparkling team batting average of .345. As evidence that the players know the strike zone, and have the restraint to let that inside fastball go by, they have an outstanding on-base percentage of .503.

The Varsity line up reads as follows:

Kris Garner, 2B, senior
Tony Kloss, RF, junior
Joel Yohn, SS, sophomore
Dave Staton, C, senior
Scott Acippli, LF/P, senior
Brian Newman, P/OF, senior
Kevin Cashman, 1B, senior
Dylan Merovich, CF, senior
Greg Myers, 3B, junior

The hit parade is led by two players carrying batting averages over the .400 mark, Yohn at .486 and Cashman at .423. Starting pitching duties are in the very capable hands of right-hander Brian Newman (5-1) and lefty Scott Acippli (3-2).

The April 26th conference victory over the Shippensburg Greyhounds had the Bears on the winning side of a 14-3 score, with Newman tossing a three hitter. On April 27th, the offense produced double digits again in defeating the Division I Harrisburg Cougars 12-7.

An important game was scheduled for yesterday, 5/3, pitting the Bears in a rematch against Susquehanna. Coming games are on May 8th, Trinity (away), and May 10th, Boiling Springs (home) 4 p.m. Come out to the ballfield and give your support to this great group of young men.

Guest Speaker Offers Insight

by Lynn Farmer

Although Thursday night's guest speaker, President of State FFA, Rebecca Sonnen, originally joined FFA because her brother belonged, she now realizes that FFA gave her priceless speaking skills. She relates, "If it hadn't been for FFA, I never would have gotten to college."

Topics of her speech Thursday included: cooperation and dedication, and what it means to be FFA.

Rebecca Sonnen will be a sophomore at Penn State University next fall semester. Her major field of study is Agricultural Science, with a minor in Communications.

She never ran for an office in FFA until her freshman year in college. She decided that with all she had learned through the FFA about setting goals, she owed the organization a great deal and wanted to repay the FFA by holding a statewide office.

This year, she has attended many training sessions and travelled extensively through the state and even went to Kansas City, MO to be on a nominating committee to elect national officers.

She attends many leadership conferences, but still finds time to visit her family's home in Richland, Lebanon County.

Flower Show

Dillsburg Garden Club will sponsor a Mini-Flower Show on Monday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Monaghan Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The show's theme is "Let the Bells of Freedom Ring". The public is invited.

by Lynn Farmer

Northern High's Gifford Pinchot Chapter of the FFA held its annual banquet Thursday night.

The evening commenced with a greeting from the featured guest speaker at the banquet, Rebecca Sonnen, State President of the Pa. Association FFA.

After all had dined, the honorary chapter members for 1990 were initiated. Noted for their continued service to the FFA as members of its advisory board were Dale Bentz, Roger Ort, Norm Shelly, Jr., Eugene Shoop, and Mike Bamdt.

Following the initiation, FFA advisor, Mark McCullough, presented the year's awards.

Among the honored recipients were Ken Kinner, 1990 President of FFA. Besides receiving his Keystone Farmer Degree, Kinner was also named the star chapter farmer.

Lisa Funt and Scott Beck also received their Keystone Farmer Degrees.

Numerous others were awarded. Dan Brandt and Scott Beck (1990 VP) received bronze medals and Dana Chromister received a silver medal in the State Project Book Contest.

Also noted in the evening's program for their accomplishments during the year were: Cayce Acker, Heidi Adion, Michele Anderson, Dan Blouch, Mike Bluestone, Tom Bluestone, Craig Britcher, Chad Conrad, Dan Cook, Jamie Crider, Esther Doll, Dave Ference, Chris Hoon, Mike Kelly, Dave McCoy, Dave Myers, Joseph Pechart, Brian Pritchard, Brad Rogers, Jason Shank, Eugene "Boomer" Shoop, Crystal Spangler, Penny Stevick, Wilbur Stough, Frank Todd and Brad Wiley.

Not only did the 1990 banquet wrap up the events of the year, it opened the door on the new school year with the installation of the 1991 officers. Dan Cook is elected to the office of President for 1990. Under his guidance are:



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25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO DILLSBURG

John Miles was recognized this week by the U.S. Postal Service for his 25 years of service. Miles began his postal career in 1965 in Dillsburg.

Dave McCoy as vice president, Cayce Acker as secretary, Dave Myers as treasurer, Lynn Farmer as reporter, Chad Conrad as Sentinel, and Chris Hoon as chaplain.

After installation of officers, gag gifts were presented to some of the departing seniors and a few unsuspecting underclassmen.

Although 1990 will be a difficult year to top, 1991 holds great promise for the Gifford Pinchot FFA. All support of the organization is appreciated. You'll be sure to hear success stories from the FFA in 1990-1991!

NMS sets record as March of Dimes Reading Champs



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March of Dimes Reading Champs

At a recent awards ceremony, NMS students received medals and certificates based on the number of books each read. Gold medal winners read 20 or more books; silver medals were awarded to those reading 10-19 books; and bronze medals went to those who read 4-9 books.

Students at Northern Middle School were challenged to read, earn Olympic style medals, and seek sponsors for the March of Dimes Reading Champions Program.

Winning Olympic style medals motivated 200 students to read 2537 books and collect \$1958 during a 30 day period. This outstanding performance makes them record setters in the Central Pennsylvania area for any single school.

On April 19 all participating students received award certificates. Students who read four or more books were awarded Olympic style medals.

This was the fifth year for the program at the Middle School. It was coordinated by Annette Davis, SIP teacher, with the cooperation of Ashley Steffy, the principal, Rick Showalter, the assistant principal, Judith Shunk, the librarian, and the reading teachers: Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Bentz, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Minillo, Mrs. Sunchych, and Mr. Swomley.

The group in the picture is section 624. They read the most books!

The school and Annette Davis were presented with a plaque for their outstanding achievement in contributing to the fight against birth defects.

The National Honorary Chairman of the Reading Champions program is First Lady Barbara Bush. Proceeds benefit March of Dimes research and education programs aimed at preventing birth defects.